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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Collector is fully aware of the extent of the damages caused and he will deal with the situation."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it a fact that when relief is sought for by ryots, officers in return ask for relief by way of conveyances for them? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am not aware of it but if the hon. Member would bring to my notice any specific instance, I shall look into it."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the devastating effect on the crops and in view of the financial stringency under which the agriculturists are placed today, will the Government consider the desirability of supplying these insecticides free of cost at least during this critical time? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, it is not practicable to supply these insecticides free of cost. As I said earlier, wherever the disease is widely prevalent, they will be sold at 50 per cent concessional rates."

Appointment of Assistant State Prosecutors.

* 186 *Q.*—SRI S. DAIVASIGAMANY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state— 11-40 a.m.

(*a*) the number of Assistant State Prosecutors in the City of Madras;

(*b*) whether their appointments have been made permanent and pensionable and if so, when and from what date; and

(*c*) whether any and what age-limit has been fixed for the purpose of their selection and appointment?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (*a*) There are 10 Assistant State Prosecutors in the City including the Chief Assistant State Prosecutor.

" (*b*) Yes, from 6th October 1952.

" (*c*) Rules have been finalised recently according to which for those recruited by transfer there is no age-limit. For those recruited direct from the Bar, the age-limit is 35 years for the posts of Assistant State Prosecutors and 45 for that of Chief Assistant State Prosecutor."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, may I know whether Sri Subba Ayyar of Chingleput has been appointed as an Assistant State Prosecutor recently and, if it is so, is it a sort of solatium for a political prisoner? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Yes, Sir, he has been appointed but these appointments are made according to merit and not as a solatium."

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SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" அசிஸ்டெண்ட்க் பப்ளி பிராசிகியூடரை சர்வீஸ் கமிஷன் மூலம் தெரிந்தெடுக்க சர்க்கார் யோசனை செய்யுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Sir, these appointments are only for a term. We are now finalising the rules regarding regular appointments to this cadre."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMANY :—" Is it not a fact Sir, that Sri Subba Ayyar has been appointed over the heads of two other Assistant State Prosecutors who were already working there? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Sir, a separate question may be put on this subject and I will be able to explain every detail regarding this appointment."

Medical concessions to non-gazetted officers.

* 187 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the total number of non-gazetted officers to whom free medical treatment has been given up to 30th June 1953 in South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" About 350 for the period from 1st January 1953 to 30th June 1953. The figure excludes the non-gazetted officers treated in the out-patient department."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" 1953-ம்௵ ஜூன்௴ 11உயுள்ள சுகாதார இலாகா ஜி.ஓ. நெ. 2233 பிறப்பதற்கு முன்பு என். ஜீ. ஓ-க்களால் கொடுக்கப்பட்ட பில் ஜி.ஓ. நெ 2233-படி இல்லை என்ற காரணத்தால் பணம் பட்டுவாடா செய்யாமல் மறுக்கப்பட்டுவிட்டன. இவைகளின் காரணம் என்ன ? இது சரிதானா ? இதைப்பற்றி சுகாதார மந்திரி விளக்குவாரா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, these concessions have been given with effect from 1st April 1952."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, in G.O. No. 2233, P.H., dated 11th June 1953, it has been stated that non-gazetted officers should produce bills based on prescriptions from specified District Medical Officers or Medical Practitioners. But, the bills already submitted by them from other Registered Medical Practitioners were not passed on the ground that they did not conform to G.O. No. 2233, P.H., dated 11th June 1953. Will the Government consider the question of passing these bills? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Member may please write to me on this matter."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" கீழ்த்தர உத்தியோகஸ்தர்கள் தங்கள் வைத்திய வசதிக்காக செலவிட்ட தொகையை சர்க்காரிடமிருந்து திரும்பிப் பெறுவதற்கு பெரிய சிரமமாயிருக்கிறபடியினால் உயர்தரமருந்துகளை ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் வைப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் தகுந்த எற்பாடு செய்யுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the authorized medical attendants are asked to prescribe the commonly used drugs of equal therapeutic value when new costly drugs are not available in hospitals and dispensaries. They are prohibited from prescribing expensive drugs, tonics, laxatives or other elegant preparations which are not considered necessary."